No. G. 6417—*G. M.* 98-38-2, *dated 4th January* 1939.

The accompanying Press Communique dated the 15th November 1938, issued by the Government of India in the Department of Education, Health and Lands, New Delhi, is published for the information of the public.

By Order,
M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND LANDS.

New Delhi, the 15th November 1938.

PRESS COMMUNIQUE.

The following information is published for the guidance of pilgrims proceeding to the Hejaz from India by the direct sea-route :—

Programme of sailings.—Messrs. Turner, Morrison & Company, Limited, Bombay, have notified the following provisional direct sailings after the month of Ramzan :—

S.S. "Islami" on the 12th December 1938 from Bombay.
S.S. "Rizwani" on the 8th December 1938 from Karachi.
S.S. "Khosrou" on the 12th December 1938 from Calcutta.

Subsequent to the above sailing from Bombay and Karachi there will be frequent sailings at short intervals up to the end of the outward pilgrim season.

2. The Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Limited, Bombay, have notified the following provisional sailings :—

S.S. "El Madina" on the 3rd December 1938, from Bombay, and on the 5th December 1938 from Karachi.
S.S. "El Hind" on the 10th December 1938 from Calcutta direct.
S.S. "El Madina" on the 23rd December 1938 from Bombay direct.
S.S. "El Hind" on the 7th January 1939 from Karachi direct.
S.S. "El Madina" on the 16th January 1939 from Bombay, and on the 18th January 1939 from Karachi.

The above programme is subject to alteration without notice.

3. *Supply of food to pilgrims during voyage.*—All pilgrims will be supplied with cooked food by the Shipping Company during the voyage and cooking on board in pilgrims' private stoves or *sigrees* will be strictly forbidden.

4. First and Second class pilgrims will be supplied daily throughout the voyage with morning tea, breakfast, luncheon, afternoon tea and dinner and all the usual table service will be provided.

5. Deck passengers will be supplied daily throughout the voyage with food on the following scale :—

(*a*) *Morning tea*—
(*i*) One cup of tea.
(*ii*) Two biscuits or one *chapati*, according to the pilgrim's choice.
(*b*) *Day meal*—
(*i*) Rice or *chapatis*, according to the pilgrim's choice, in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
(*ii*) One plate of mutton and vegetable mixed, on alternate days.
(*iii*) One plate of vegetable, with or without dry fish, according to the pilgrim's choice, on days on which item (*ii*) above is not supplied.
(*iv*) *Dal* in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
(*v*) *Kachumar* or pickles.
(*c*) *Afternoon tea*—
One cup of tea.
(*d*) *Evening or night meal*—
(*i*) Rice or *chapatis*, according to the pilgrim's choice, in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
(*ii*) One plate of vegetable.
(*iii*) *Dal* in such quantity as the pilgrim may require.
(*iv*) *Kachumar* or pickles.

6. Every deck pilgrim will be required, at the time of buying his ticket, to inform the person who issues the ticket whether he—

(*i*) will take rice or *chapatis* for the day meal and the evening or night meal; and

(*ii*) whether he will or will not have dry fish with the vegetable dish to be served on alternate days at the time of the day meal.

7. Arrangements have also been made on every pilgrim ship to make available to pilgrims certain other articles of food on payment of extra charges at the rates specified below:—

Name of article	*Rate*			
	Rs.	a.	p.	
Fowl (whole) with gravy	1	8	0	each
Fowl	0	7	6	per plate
Kofta	0	3	0	,,
Mutton korma	0	3	0	,,
Biryani	0	7	0	,,
Kabab shami	0	0	9	each
Sardines	0	3	9	per tin
Egg (boiled)	0	1	6	each
Egg (fried)	0	2	3	each
Khichri pulao	0	4	6	per plate
Curry and rice	0	6	0	,,
Rice	0	1	6	,,
Paratha	0	2	0	each
Chapati (without ghee)	0	0	9	,,
Leavened bread	0	0	9	,,
Biscuits	0	0	9	for two
Halwa or Pudding	0	3	0	per plate
Sweetmeats	0	6	0	per seer of 28 tolas
Dal	0	1	3	per plate
Tea (without milk)	0	0	9	per cup
Tea (with milk)	0	1	0	,,
Coffee (with milk)	0	2	0	,,
Soda water	0	1	6	per bottle
Lemonade and other aerated waters (sweet)	0	2	0	,,
Lemon squash	0	2	0	per tumbler
Syrup (lemon)	0	1	6	,,
Syrup	0	12	0	per bottle
Butter	0	12	0	per tin
Ghee	0	12	0	per pound
Jam	0	6	0	per tin
Pine-apple	0	6	0	,,
Condensed milk (Anglo-Swiss)	0	12	0	,,
Condensed milk (Cow's head)	0	4	6	,,
Sugar	0	2	3	per pound
Chutney	0	12	0	per bottle
Oranges	0	1	6	each
Sweet lemons	0	1	6	,,
Apples	0	2	0	,,
Plantains	0	0	6	,,
Hot water	0	0	6	per gallon

8. Any medicines or any articles of special diet for infants or invalids or sick persons brought by pilgrims for use during the voyage will, when necessary, be cooked free of charge in the ship's kitchens.

9. All cooks and attendants employed on board the ship for cooking and serving the pilgrims' food will be Muslims.

10. Every deck pilgrim will have to provide his own plates, cups and other receptacles in which food may be served to him during the voyage.

11. Pilgrims will be allowed to take water from the "waste-not" taps fitted to the tanks on board the ship during four periods of two hours each, namely:—

(*i*) 5 A.M. to 7 A.M.
(*ii*) 12 NOON 2 to P.M.
(*iii*) 4 P.M. to 6 P.M.
(*iv*) 8 P.M. to 10 P.M.

The Master of the ship, however, will have discretion to ration fresh water if considered necessary.

12. *Steamer Fares.*—The maximum pilgrim fares to Jedda which Messrs. Turner Morrison & Company, Limited and the Scindia Steam Navigation Company, Limited, have fixed for the ensuing Haj season are given below :—

		Single with food Rs	Return with food Rs.
From Bombay ..	First class	407	621
	Second class	282	446
	Deck	113	173
From Karachi ...	First class	395	597
	Second class	270	422
	Deck	110	167
From Calcutta to Jedda (and back to Calcutta in case of return fare).	First class	444	695
	Second class	319	520
	Deck	142	226
From Calcutta to Jedda and back to Bombay.	First class		658
	Second class		483
	Deck		199-8-0
From Calcutta to Jedda and back to Karachi.	First class		646
	Second class		471
	Deck		196-8-0

For children under 10 years of age these fares will be less by the following amounts, on account of food charges :—

		Single Rs. a. p.	Return Rs. a. p.
From Bombay ...	First class	19 8 0	39 0 0
	Second class	19 8 0	39 0 0
	Deck	5 0 0	10 0 0
From Karachi ...	First class	13 8 0	27 0 0
	Second class	13 8 0	27 0 0
	Deck	3 8 0	7 0 0
From Calcutta ...	First class	25 8 0	51 0 0
	Second class	25 8 0	51 0 0
	Deck	7 0 0	14 0 0

13. *Transport of pilgrims and their baggage from ship to shore and* vice versa *at Jedda.*—Pilgrims should make their own arrangements for the transport of their baggage from ship to shore and *vice versa* at Jedda and make payment to the dhowmen direct.

14. *Deposit for the purpose of defraying the cost of the return voyage from Jedda.*—If a pilgrim travelling by the lowest class available on a ship is not in possession of a return ticket, he will have to deposit with the Executive Officer of the Port Haj Committee of the port at which he proposes to embark, for the purpose of defraying the cost of the return voyage from Jedda, the sum mentioned below :—

Port at which the pilgrim proposes to embark	In the case of a pilgrim of the age of ten years and above Rs. a. p.	In the case of a pilgrim under ten years of age Rs. a. p.
Bombay	60 0 0	55 0 0
Karachi	57 0 0	53 8 0
Calcutta	84 0 0	77 0 0

15. *Estimate of cost of the 1939 Hajj.*—It has been estimated for the current Haj season that at the current rate of exchange (One pound gold=110 Piastres Miri=Rs. 23-8-0) the minimum cost of pilgrimage including a visit to Medina to a pilgrim who proceeds to Jedda as a deck passenger and travels on a camel in the Hejaz will be approximately Rs. 575 if he sails from Bombay, Rs. 570 if he sails from Karachi and Rs. 625 if he sails from Calcutta. Substantial additions to these figures will also be necessary if the pilgrim chooses to adopt more comfortable means of locomotion and a higher standard of living. As the estimated minimum cost would prove insufficient, should there be a rise in the value of gold, it is suggested that no pilgrim, however hardy or poor, should start on the pilgrimage unless he has provided himself with at least Rs. 585. In the case of a pilgrim travelling second class on board the ship and in a motor bus in the Hejaz the cost is estimated to be about Rs. 1,180 in the case of pilgrims sailing from Bombay, Rs. 1,155 in the case of those

sailing from Karachi and Rs. 1,255 in the case of those sailing from Calcutta. If the pilgrim travels first class on the ship and uses a touring motor car for journeys in the Hejaz, the expenditure would be approximately Rs. 1,750, Rs. 1,725 or Rs. 1,825 according to whether he sails from Bombay, Karachi or Calcutta.

16. The estimates of expenditure mentioned in the preceding paragraph include cost on account of *dues, taxes, etc., collected in advance of Jedda.* Under the revised Sa'udi regulations, a pilgrim must pay in advance on landing at Jedda, a sum of £ gold 2, and 81¾ Piastres Miri, equivalent to about Rs. 65 on account of various charges and taxes, *e.g.*, Mutawwifs' and Wakils' fees, etc., without payment of which no pilgrim will be allowed to proceed to Mecca. Pilgrims are therefore warned that the British Legation at Jedda cannot be responsible for any exemption or remission of the said dues, and a defaulter may have to return to India without performing the Hajj.

M. W. M. YEATTS,
Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

No. D. 5971—*C. S.* 12-38-5, *dated 3rd—7th January* 1939.

In exercise of the powers vested in them under Section 9 of the Mysore Stamp Act II of 1900 as amended from time to time, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to exempt the documents executed by the parties for the consolidation of fragmented holding in the villages comprised in the Rural Welfare Centre, Closepet, constituted as per Government Order No. L. 8044-51—V. P. 57-36-1, dated 6—10th May 1937, from the levy of stamp duty prescribed in the Act.

By Order,
M. VENKATANARANAPPA,
Secretary to Government,
Local Self-Government Department.
(In charge).

No. L. 5481—*V. P.* 41-38-3, *dated 7th January* 1939.

Erratum.

For the words "*a width of* 100 *feet*" occurring in line 3 of the Notification No. L. 4715—V. P. 41-38-2, dated 9th December 1938, please read "*a width of* 100 *yards.*"

By Order,
MIR SAFDAR HUSSAIN,
For *Secretary to Government,*
Local Self-Government Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT

No. P. W. 1992-4—*S., dated 9th January* 1939.

Under Section 48 (1) of the Mysore Land Acquisition Regulation, 1894, as amended from time to time, Government are pleased to cancel the acquisition of the marginally noted properties of Mavathur Village, Kankanhalli Taluk, notified in Government Order No. 1698-1700—S., dated 17th December 1935, as there are certain discrepancies between the extents notified and the extents actually taken up.

Survey No.	Extent notified A.	G.
83	5	0
87	3	25
98	2	30
100	1	20
101	2	0

By Order,
N. N. AYYANGAR,
Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BANGALORE.

No. 1131—*L. C., dated* 5—*6th January* 1939.

Admission to the Visitors' Gallery during the sittings of the Mysore Legislative Council, which will be held in the New Council Hall, Public Offices, Bangalore, on the 25th January 1939 and succeeding days, will be regulated by tickets which can be had on application made to the Secretary, Mysore Legislative Council, Public Offices, Bangalore, through a member of the Council, at least two clear days before the meeting.